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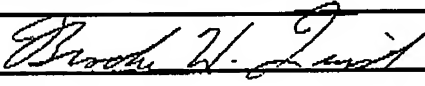
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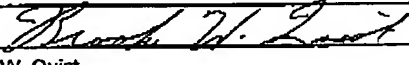
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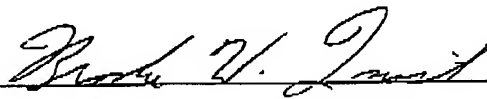
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This amendment is responsive to the Office action of July 28, 2005, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Estakhri et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,935) in view of Konishi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,579,502). Claims 1, 3, 17, 18, and 20 have been amended. Claims 2, 4-16, and 19 have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.